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1. On 11 July 1951, the Artillery Barracks in the southern suburb of Lowicz (Q 53/P 27) was occupied by a Polish motorized artillery unit. The installation, which was located on the east side of the highway to Lodz (Q 52/O 93), near the railroad station of Zielkowice (Q 53/P 27), consisted of several one-story buildings and several garages converted from stables. Seven or eight 76-mm artillery pieces with barrels about 2 meters long and muzzle brakes were usually lined up in the barracks yard during the afternoon hours. The guns had rubber tires and were towed by 3 or 3.5-ton ZIS trucks. More weapons were apparently sheltered in the extensive garages. The troops observed were brown Polish Army uniforms with red triangular collar patches, trousers with a red stripe along the seams, and caps with a red band and a red piping around the tops. A green piping on the lower edge of the collar patches was said to be a traditional marking.
2. A second barracks installation in the northern sector of Lowicz was occupied by a KBN unit. The installation was located about 300 meters north of the cathedral on the west side of the market square, on a side road near the approach to the Warsaw-Poznan (P 53/X 26) highway. A meadow about 200 meters wide lay between the barracks installation and the Bzura River. Only light infantry weapons were observed with the KBN unit, which had ZIS vehicles. The KBN personnel wore Polish Army uniforms, dark-blue triangular collar patches, trousers with dark-blue pipings along the seam, and visor-type caps with dark-blue bands and dark-blue pipings around the top. A civilian resident said that there were enough KBN troops to make up a battalion.
3. There was a military training area south of the town adjoining the Artillery Barracks on the east side of the highway to Lodz. No training activity was observed during the short period of observation.

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